[27th March 1954

Average daily collection of the City Transport before and after the suspension of the tram services.

10-50 a.m. * 433 *Q.*—Sri D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the approximate collection of the City Transport per day when trams were running in the City, i.e., before December 1952;

(*b*) the approximate collection of the City Transport per day after the suspension of the tramway services;

(*c*) how many buses were running daily during the periods mentioned in (*a*) and (*b*); and

(*d*) the establishment charges before and after the suspension of the tramway services?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The average daily collection of the City Transport before December 1952, when trams were running in the City, was Rs. 30,500.

" (*b*) The average daily collection of the City Transport after the suspension of the tram services is Rs. 35,000.

" (*c*) The average number of buses that were running daily on all routes prior to December 1952 was 261. Now on an average 303 vehicles including about 40 large buses with a seating capacity of about 60 are now running daily.

" (*d*) The average monthly total establishment charges incurred during the period when trams were running were Rs. 1,93,862. After the suspension of the tram services the average total establishment charges are Rs. 2,18,625."

Mr. SPEAKER :—Next question."

(The hon. Members Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai and Sri K. Vinayakam stood up in their seats.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have placed before the House only 30 questions. If I am not able to cover these in one hour, the other questions put by hon. Members will not see the light of day. In an hour I have not been able to cover these 30 questions. Therefore I have to rush through all the questions."

Refund of excess collection of tax on lands used for soaking coconut husks in Malabar.

* 434 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to starred question No. 1202 answered on 29th July 1953—

(*a*) how much of the excess collections have been refunded; and

(*b*) what is the balance of excess collection yet to be refunded?